

Middlesex/Union Counties ALB Infestation

To date, more than 10,550 trees have been removed in the Middlesex County towns of Carteret and Woodbridge and the Union county towns of Rahway and Linden.

The number of trees removed from a wooded area of the Linden Landfill increased from about 650 to about 2,800 because surveyors did not initially count seedlings and younger trees, only those they could climb.

The recent finds of five new infested trees, which include maples, birches and elms in the southeast section of Linden, resulted in an expansion of the quarantine zone. Because they all had egg sites but no exit holes, the zone expansion was by 1/8 of a mile. The expansion does not take the quarantine zone into any new municipalities. The total size of the expanded zone is approximately 16.5 square miles.

One tree that had old eggs sites dating back to last year has been taken down. The four infested trees still standing will be taken down after the first hard frost to avoid dispersing any adult beetles that may be in them to other trees.

Jersey City/Hoboken Quarantine Area

Personnel from the Jersey City/Hoboken quarantine area have been assisting the Middlesex/Union team due to the five new tree finds. As of August 27, a total of 2,520 trees have been surveyed in 2005 with no signs of the ALB detected. In addition, 898 trees have been treated this year with imidacloprid.

Welcoming New Team Member

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture would like to welcome Suzanne Bond to the as the new USDA-APHIS Public Affairs Specialist for ALB issues. Suzanne fills the post vacated earlier this year by John Dodd, and the NJDA expects to continue with Suzanne the fine cooperative relationship we had with John.